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REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 5, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 26-28, 30, 35-37, 39, 41, and 46-61 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 26-28, 30, 35-37, 39, 41, and 51-61 are rejected. Claims 26-28, 30, 35-37, 39, 41, and 51-61 have been cancelled by Applicants without prejudice. Claims 46-50 are indicated to be allowed by the Examiner. Claim 47 is amended to clarify the subject matter.

Claims 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Laxman et al.* (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0172766, hereinafter "Laxman") in view of *Xia et al.* (EP 1050601, hereinafter "Xia"). Claims 26-28, 30, 35-37, 39, 41, and 57-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chooi et al.* (U.S. 6,436,824, hereinafter "Chooi") in view of *Xia et al.* (EP 1050601, hereinafter "Xia"). Claims 51-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Chooi* in view of *Xia* and *Yang et al.* (U.S. 6,365,527, hereinafter "Yang"). Applicants have cancelled claims 26-28, 30, 35-37, 39, 41, and 51-61 without prejudice. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 46-50 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowed subject matter.

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Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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